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Second Meeting of the ECA Joint
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on Human Settlements and Environment

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22-26 July 1985

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting (item 1)

The opening of the meeting will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, 22 July 1985 at ECA Africa Hall, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. A Senior Minister of the Government of Revolutionary Socialist Ethiopia will deliver a welcoming opening address. The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Acting Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the Executive Director of United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) will deliver opening statements.

2. Election of officers (item 2)

In conformity with the rules and procedures, there shall be elected a Chairman, three Vice-chairmen and a Rapporteur, each representing a subregion in Africa. Information on countries that have held offices during the past sessions, including the period prior to the formation of the Joint Committee, is given under paragraph 3 of E/ECA/IGRC/HS/ENV/85/III/INF.4.

3. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of Work (item 3)

The Chairman will draw the attention of the meeting to the Provisional Agenda (E/ECA/IGRC/HS/ENV/85/III/INF.1) for adoption. The provisional Programme of Work (E/ECA/IGRC/HS/ENV/85/III/INF.3) prepared by the Secretariat, will then be considered for adoption, taking note of the precedence for two sub-committees: one to consider human settlements, and the other dealing with environmental matters. After the presentation of all the papers at plenary session, the meeting will break into the two sub-committees for discussions and meet again at plenary to consider the sub-committee reports and recommendations.

4. Human Settlements (item 4)

(a) Progress report on the implementation of activities in the field of human settlements during the biennium 1982-1983 (document E/ECA/HUS/III). The document gives an overview of the main activities undertaken by the Secretariat during the period February 1984 to

June 1985 with regard to the resolutions on human settlements matters adopted by the Joint Committee at its first meeting and approved by the ECA Conference of Ministers at its tenth meeting. The Joint Committee is called upon, in the document, to seriously consider the mobilization of additional funds for the implementation of human settlements programmes.

(b) Consideration of a human settlements policy in Africa: Land tenne problems in urban areas and a housing programme for the largest number of people (E/ECA/HUS/12). It is emphasized in this document that human settlement planning cannot be done without sound soil husbandary. If necessary measures for tapping the soil resources are non-existent or insufficient, speculation on the land to be urbanized can slow down or hamper the development of human settlements. It is proposed in this documnt a number of measured to be taken at the national and international levels to resolve land holding problems within the framework of a human settlements policy.

(c) Development of decentralized systems of the production of building materials (E/ECA/HUS/13 and 14) The objective of this study is to develop research areas, to encourage and help African countries to increase their capabilities of promoting the growt of the construction industry. This document give an indication of some solutions for improving the supply and distribution of low cost construction materials.

(d) Revision of codes and building regulations in Africa (E/ECA/HUS/15). This study outlines propositions as a practical basis for drawing up new national rules and regulations for construction. These rules and regulations contribute in responding to national needs in matters of building construction.

(e) Guidelines and indicator for the production of co-operative housing, self-help housing and other forms of public participation (E/ECA/HUS/16). This study tries to demonstrate that only co-operative housing and self-help housing policies can be the appropriate solution to housing for a great number of people. The study brings out a certain number of administrative and financial measure as well as research to establish structures that will contribute to the development a system of low-cost housing.

(f) Report of the expert group meeting on guidelines and indicators for the elaboration of national models for the planning of human settlements integrated with social and economic development (E/ECA/HUS/17).

5. Environmental matters (item 5)

(a) Progress Report on Environmental Matters including long-term measures for Combating Drought and Desertification (document E/ECA/ENV/18). This document reviews the activities carried out by the Environment Section since the last meeting of the Joint Committee and proposes areas where the Environment Section would like to have the guidance of the Joint Committee for the 1986-1987 programme of work.

(b) Report of ECA/UNEP Training Workshop for the Incorporation of Environmental Components into the Training Programmes of ECA-sponsored Institutions (document E/ECA/ENV/19). This document is a progress report regarding the ECA/UNEP project relative to incorporating environmental education and training into the existing training programmes of eleven (11) ECA-sponsored institutions.

(c) Report of ECA/ARSO Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment and/or Improvement of National Standards for the Protectinn of the African Environment (document E/ECA/ENV/20). The report introduces guidelines for developing environmentll standards in Africa as discussed at the expert group meeting.

(d) Review of National Environmental Legislation and ECA/OAU Technical Co-operation for the Implementation of Conventions and Protocols on the Environment (document E/ECA/ENV/21). Review of National Environmental Legislation and ECA/OAU Technical Co-operation for the Implementation of Clnventions and Protocols on the Environment (doc. E/ECA/ENV/21) is a project proposal following up on the last ECA/UNEP joint project on Development of Environmental Protection Legislation in the ECH region executed by ECA between 1979 and 1982. This new proposal aims to promote and strengthen technical co-operation among and between African states to re-inforce their national capabilities to ratify and implement international and regional agreements on the environment.

(e) Environment in Africa Work Programme for the 1986-1987 biennium(for information) (document E/ECA/ENV/12) is in three parts: the first part deals with the implementation of the work programme for the current biennium 1984-1985, the second part deals with the proposals for the next biennium 1986-1987 and its harmonization with the UNEP System-Wide Medium-Term Environment Programme (SWMTEP) Budget Proposals for the same period 1986-1987) as it affects the Africa region, in the third part.

6. Any other business

The meeting may wish to discuss any other related matters, such as provisional agenda, date and venue of h. next meeting of the Joint Committee (IGRC/HUS/ENV).

7. Adoption of the report and Closure of the meeting (item 7)

The meeting will discuss and adopt the draft report at plenary, prepared and presented by the Rapporteur with the assistance of the sub-committees' rapporteurs and the Secretariat. The meeting will be formally closed by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa or his representative.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday, 22 July 1985

08:30-10:30	Registration of participants
09:30-10:30	Meeting of Heads of Delegation
11:00-12:30	Opening of the Session
12:30-13:30	Agenda item 2: Election of Officers and Agenda item 3: Adoption of the Agenda 1/
15:00-16:00	Agenda item 4: Human Settlements Progress Report
16:00-16:30	Break
16:30-18:00	Agenda item 4 continued

Tuesday, 23 July 1985

09:00-10:30	Agenda item 5: Environmental Matters Progress Report
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-13:00	Agenda item 5 continued
15:00-16:00	Working sessions of sub-committees I and II
16:00-16:30	Break
16:30-18:00	Working sessions of sub-committees continued

Wednesday, 24 July 1985

09:00-10:30	Working sessions of sub-committees continued
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-13:00	Working sessions of sub-committees continued
15:00-16:00	Working sessions of sub-committees continued
16:00-16:30	Break
16:30-18:00	Working sessions of sub-committees continued

1/ Please refer to the Provisional Agenda (document E/ECA/ICRC/HS/ENV/85/III/Inf.1)

Thursday, 25 July 1985

09:00-10:30	Findings and recommendations of the sub-committees
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-13:00	Findings and recommendations continued
15:00-16:00	Findings and recommendations continued
16:00-16:30	Break
16:30-18:00	Agenda item 6 - Any other business

Friday, 26 July 1985

Morning	Free (except for the Drafting Committee)
17:00-19:00	Agenda item 7 - Adoption of the Report and closure of the Meeting

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Place and time of meeting

The meeting will be held in the Plenary Hall and in Committee Rooms. The opening session is scheduled for 11.00 a.m. on Monday 22 July 1985. Subsequent sessions have tentatively been scheduled for 3.00 - 6.00 p.m. on Monday, 9.00 a.m. - 13.00 p.m. and 3.00 - 6.00 p.m. on each subsequent day of the meeting.

2. Conduct of business

To facilitate Joint Committee's work it is suggested that deliberations on Human Settlements aspects and Environmental aspects may be conducted in two sub-committees I and II, respectively; while the presentation of working papers and the discussions on the findings of sub-committee I and II as well as draft resolutions may be conducted in plenary sessions. The sub-committees which may appoint their own rapporteur should be chaired by the elected Vice-Chairmen.

3. Bureau Officers

According to rules of procedures the Bureau shall consist of one Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, each representing a subregion. Under the principle of geographical rotation the following subregions should normally provide candidates for the offices of the Bureau: North Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa, Central Africa, West Africa and the Great Lake countries. To assist delegates in the election of the Bureau members for the 1985 session, the names of countries whose representatives held office during the past sessions are given below:

Year	Section	Chairman	Vice-Chairmen	Rapporteur
1978	First IRCHS	Lesotho	Mauritius United Republic of Cameroon Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Togo
1980	Second IRCHS	Nigeria	Swaziland Algeria Rwanda	Ethiopia
1982	First Joint IGRC/HUS/ENV	Tanzania	Gabon Senegal The Sudan	Botswana
1984	Second Joint IGRC/HUS/ENV	Burundi	Botswana Guinea Ethiopia	Djibouti

4. Registration

Participants are kindly requested to complete registration forms between 08.30 - and 10.30 a.m. on Monday. The registration desk will be located near the entrance to the Plenary Hall.

5. Cafeteria

The UNECA Cafeteria Service including the Bar is located in the New Building next to the Training and Examinations Centre. Its working hours are:

Breakfast	-	7.00 - 9.15 a.m.
Coffee break	-	10.00 - 11.00 a.m.
Lunch	-	12.00 - 2.15 p.m.
Coffee break	-	3.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Bar hours 1/	-	5.00 - 8.00 p.m.

1/ Arrangements are being made to have the bar hours coincide with the breaks of the meeting.

6. Local transportation

Transportation will be provided from downtown hotels to Africa Hall one half hour before the first scheduled meeting each morning and afternoon. At the close of the morning and afternoon sessions each day, transportation will also be available to convey delegates from Africa Hall to their hotels. Please report the name of your hotel to the staff at the registration desk.

7. Return travel reservations

Delegates are requested to reconfirm travel reservations with Ethiopian Airlines as early as possible. A branch office of Ethiopian Airlines is located in the Rotunda of Africa Hall.

8. Banking facilities

A branch of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia is located in the Rotunda of Africa Hall. From Monday to Friday the bank is open between 8.00 and 11.00 in the mornings and between 1.00 to 4.00 in the afternoons. On Saturdays, it is open between 8.00 to 11 a.m.

At the time of writing the current rates of exchange are:

US$ 1	=	Eth. Birr	2.05
UK£	=	" "	2.50
100 French Francs	=	" "	20.90
100 German Marks	=	" "	63.75

9. Mail

Incoming mail and cables will be distributed at the meeting. Outgoing mail may be posted at the branch Post Office located in the Rotunda of Africa Hall.

10. Interpretation

Speakers are requested to observe that the microphones in the Assembly Hall and in the committee rooms are inoperative until the button has been pressed and the red light appears. In order to ensure the best possible interpretation, please speak directly into the microphone, clearly and not too fast.

11. Useful telephone numbers

Mr. Max Palade	..	44 72 00 ext. 177 or 15 14 07
Mr. O. Laye	..	44 72 00 ext. 554
Mr.N.H.A.Cole	..	44 72 00 ext. 447 or 15 80 31
Mr. L.T. Tandap	..	44 72 00 ext. 578 or 447
Mr. E.H. Clinton	..	44 72 00 ext. 576 or 447

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Working documents

A. Human settlements

1. Interim report on the implementation of human settlements activities over the biennium 1984-1985	E/ECA/HUS/11
2. Consideration for establishment of human settlements policies in Africa: Land problem in urban area and housing programme for the masses	E/ECA/HUS/12
3. Development of decentralized systems of building materials production in Africa	E/ECA/HUS/13
4. Planning of decentralized systems of building materials production in Africa	E/ECA/HUS/14
5. Indicators for revised building codes and regulations in Africa	E/ECA/HUS/15
6. Guidelines and indicators for the production of co-operative housing, self-help housing and other public participation	E/ECA/HUS/16

7.	Report of ECA Expert Group meeting on guidelines and indicators for developing country models on the application of a systematic spatial planning approach to national and human settlements planning and its integration into overall socio-economic planning	E/ECA/HUS/17

B. Environment

1.	Developing national environment standards for Africa (for information)	E/ECA/ENV/17
2.	Progress report on environmental matters including long-term measures for combating drought and desertification	E/ECA/ENV/18
3.	Report of ECA/UNEP project for the incorporation of environmental components into the training programmes of ECA-sponsored institutions	E/ECA/ENV/19
4.	Report of ECA/ARSO expert group meeting on the establishment and/or improvement of national standards for the protection of the African environment	E/ECA/ENV/20
5.	Review of national environmental legislation and ECA/OAU technical co-operation for the implementation of conventions and protocols on the environment	E/ECA/ENV/21
6.	ECA Environment in Africa Work Programme: Performance Report on Current Work Programme and Harmonization of ECA and UNEP Future Work Programme for 1986-1987	E/ECA/ENV/22
7.	Establishment of an African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD project document)	E/ECA/CM.11/15/Add.1/Rev.2